Government quarters constructed for Parliament Secretariats

2176. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOP-
. MENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the blocks of quarters constructed for Parhament Secretariats in Vasant Vihar have not been allotted to them;

(1>) if so, what are the reasons there- ' /or;

(c) what action Government are tak-
. ing in the matter;

(d) whether Government propose to ordtr an inquiry into the whole affair; and

e) whether it is also a fact that some moje quarters are being constructed tor Parliament Secretariats if so, the details theieof and by when these are likely to be completed for allotment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOP-MENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. On review, some quarters have been released to the Lok Sabha| Rajya Sabha Secretariats, respectively in Vasant Vihar|R. K. Puram etc. after making necessary adjustments.

(e) The construction of 30 type 'C quarters have just started and it is likely ' to take some time before these are ready for allotment.

Irrigation projects to fight drought condi tions in Madhya Pradesh

2177. SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALA VI YA: Will the Minister of WATER RE SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take up large number of Medium and minor irrigation works in Madhya Pradesh to reduce severety of drought and to increase the irrigation potential in the state; and

(b) if so, what additional funds Gov-
ernment propose to give to the State Go-
, vernment so that the on-going medium and minor irrigation projects are completed and new projects are taken up?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE-SOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The State Government of • Madhya Pradesh have taken up a number of medium and minor irrigation schemes for increasing irrigation facilities. An additional irrigation potential of 1. 08 million ha. is targetted to be created in the Seventh Plan from major, medium and minor irrigation schemes.

(b) Irrigation Projects are planned, funded and implemented by the State Governments and Central assistance is given in the form of block grants and loans.

Drought conditions in Madhya Pradesh

2178. SHRl RADHAKISHAN MALA-VIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been drought conditions in some parts of Madhya Pradesh every year; and

(b) if so, what are the short an'd long term measures proposed to be taken *to* reduce the effect of drought conditions in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. Some areas in Madhya Pradesh have been experiencing drought conditions in varying degrees in the last f^w years.

(b) It is primarily fhe responsibility of the State Government to undertake short and long-term measures required for re ducing the impact of 'drought. However, the Government of India have been pro viding assistance for short-term measures such as agriculture input subsidy, drinking water programme, employment generation schemes, cattle conservation and fodder supply. The long-term programmes for reducing the impact of drought are also being implemented. These programmes include expansion of ircgation facilities, Drought Prone Area. Programme^ Desert Development Pro-gramme, National Rural Employment